medium irrigation works and lift irrigation schemes are also programmed for execution next year.

A new scheme of flood control in respect of Karamana and Killiyar rivers and Thottappally areas has been drawn up and it is proposed to start its execution next year.

Anti-sea Erosion.

The problem of sea erosion became menacing in the later years of the First Plan period and an experimental scheme for providing protection to the worst affected areas was, therefore, taken up in January 1955. A more comprehensive scheme has been drawn up for implementation during the Second Plan period. This scheme, when implemented, will afford protection to all parts of the State coast line which have been affected by sea-erosion in the past. A substantial part of the programme will be implemented in the next year.

Electricity.

There has been remarkable progress in the development of power and the targets set for the First Five Year Plan have almost been achieved. The erection of the fourth generating set at Poringalkuthu, commencement of the preliminary works connected with the Panniyar and Sholayar Schemes and the execution of the Neriyamangalam Scheme are the important activities of the Department for the current year. The work on these will be continued next year.

A heavy programme of transmission and distribution works with the object of supplying electricity to every nook and corner of the State has been drawn up, so that new vistas of employment in big and small industries both in urban and rural areas may be opened.

Education.

In furtherance of the policy of making education free in the Middle Schools, Government had abolished fees in Forms I and II from the beginning of 1954–55. Further strides were made in this direction by abolishing fees in Form III as well from the beginning of the current year. Schemes for the expansion of Basic Education in the State are in progress. A Basic Training College will be started next year to train teachers for implementing the scheme. Measures are also to be taken to improve selected Secondary

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